
1. (Amended) A method of preventing defective germination or rosette formation of a plant seed which tends to suffer from defective germination or rosette formation during growth thereof comprising the steps of:

leaving the plant seed to stand in a highly watery condition at a low temperature in a dark place; and

drying the plant seed immediately after leaving the plant seed to stand in the highly watery condition at the low temperature in a dark place, before the seed becomes active.

Please add new claims 2 and 3 as follows:

--2. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the plant seed is dried in insufficient light to cause the seed to germinate.--

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--3. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the plant seed is dried in a dark place.--
